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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 9-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Currently, claims 1 and 3-8 are pending in this application.

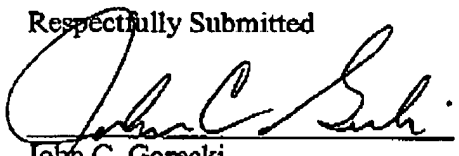
The Examiner indicated that claims 1 and 3-8 were allowed over the prior art, but rejected claims 12-19 under 35 USC 103. Applicants have canceled claims 12-19 which were rejected over the cited art, and have also canceled previously withdrawn claims 9-11 and 20-21. In canceling these claims applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications directed to the canceled claims 12-19 and to non-elected claims 9-11 and 20-21.

Conclusion

All of the claims that remain pending in this application were allowed by the Examiner. Thus, applicants request that the Examiner issue a notice of allowance for this application. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the amendments or these remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If any fees are due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502246 (Ref: NN-16164).

Respectfully Submitted



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